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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL, CIA

SUBJECT: Request for Special National Intelligence Estimate (U)

1. (S/NOFORN) At a 27 August 1985 meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Peru was a major topic of discussion. Admiral Watkins, Chief of Naval Operations, was particularly concerned about the policies and philosophies of the new Garcia administration and what they meant for US interests in Peru as well as the region as a whole. He mentioned his impressions from a recent trip to Peru and meetings with Peruvian naval leaders which left him very concerned about the insurgent threat, the country's economic problems, and Soviet involvement and activities there. In addition, the Admiral mentioned a recent CIA assessment of the situation in Peru which implied a sense of urgency and alarm.
2. (S/NOFORN) In response to the CNO's comments, the Joint Chiefs of Staff concurred that an Intelligence Community assessment of the situation in Peru is needed. The product specifically identified was a "fast-track" Special National Intelligence Estimate. Among the topics identified to be addressed are: direction of Garcia administration policies, economic prospects, the insurgent threat, military attitudes, the Soviet-Peruvian military relationship, Soviet goals, actions, and prospects, and implications for the United States. It is further recommended that the paper include indicators that policymakers should look for that might suggest changes in Peruvian attitudes or prospects.
3. (U) The Director, DIA supports the view of the Joint Chiefs that a SNIE on Peru would be valuable to policymakers and requests that such an assessment be done expeditiously.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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